सहायता प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Steps to popularise schemes of LIC

2437. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1095 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1997 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to take some steps to popularise new schemes namely 'Jeevan Sanchay' and 'Jeevan Sneha' launched by LIC making large number of people to join these schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have reported that the schemes are being widely publicised through field personnel and advertisements in newspapers, television, and other mass media. According to LIC these measures, coupled with the built-in features of these plans and the rebate and exemption available under the Income Tax Act, are bound to attract a large number of people.

Direct Central Subsidy

2438. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1099 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1977 and state:

(a) the estimated amount of direct Central subsidy for 1996-97, item-wise; and

(b) the actual subsidy given during each of the last three years, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information for ten years is given in Annexure 3.1 of the document Expenditure Budget, Volume 1. Relevant portion from it is extracted in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Subsidy given during the last three years

(Rs. in crores)

		Expenditure		
	Items of subsidy	1994-95 Actuals	1995-96 Actuals	1996-97 (RE)
1.	Food	5100	5377	6066
2.	Indigenous (Urea) Fertilizer	4075	4300	4743
3.	Imported (Urea) Fertilizer	1166	1935	1350
4.	Sale of decontrolled fertilizer with concession to farmers	528	500	1674
5.	Export promotion & Market Development	658	16	400
6.	Debt Relief to farmers	341	..	..
7.	Railways	420	418	466

	Items of subsidy	Expenditure 1994-95 Actuals	1995-96 Actuals	1996-97 (RE)
8.	Mill-made cloth	..	1	..
9.	Handloom cloth	148	143	98
10.	Export/Import of sugar, Edible oils etc.	..	100	50
11.	Interest subsidy	76	34	1257
12.	Others	420	481	590
	Total	12932	13305	16694

Banks in minority concentration districts

2439. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India has been asked to identify areas in minority concentration districts for opening of banks; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Kickback in banking system

2440. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that kickback is prevalent in banking system as far as fixed and term deposit schemes are concerned; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that in terms of RBI instructions banks have been prohibited to pay brokerage both on domestic and Non Resident External (NRE) deposits in any form to any individual, firm, company, association, institution or any other person except commission paid to agent employed to collect door to door deposits under a special scheme and inexpensive gifts costing not more than the amount prescribed by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in this regard from time to time. Further, banks have been advised to desist from launching prize-oriented deposit mobilisation schemes and paying brokerage in the form of commission or gift or incentives on deposits in any manner or in any other form except as indicated above.

States getting ODA from Japan

2441. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States getting Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) from Japan;

(b) whether any project is being implemented with Japanese assistance in Orissa;

(c) if so, the total amount of ODA that has been made available for such projects in the State of Orissa;

(d) the amount likely to be made available from Japan for those projects in Orissa; and

(e) the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) All the